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* SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, on behalf of the Opposition, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House. Dr. U. Rama Rao was well-known to the older Members of the House. He was a distinguished surgeon and he was keenly interested in the advancement of the medical profession. He was known to the world outside the medical profession, as a fighter in the cause of freedom. In Madras City, he and Mr. T. Prakasam, were responsible to a great extent for the great freedom struggle which was waged in the last three decades. He was generous-hearted and no Congress worker who went to him ever returned empty-handed.

" Sir, as President of the first Legislative Council constituted under the Government of India Act, 1935, he did great service in establishing good precedents and he is known to have moved well with the Members. There was no case of friction between him and any Member whether of the Government or of the Opposition. I, therefore, associate myself with the Resolution and would like to express my deep sense of sorrow at the unhappy event."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I would like to associate myself very closely with the Resolution of Condolence moved by the Hon. the Leader of the House. Dr. Rama Rao's name was a household word in Madras City and I still remember when I came to Madras as a young medical student in 1912, Dr. Rama Rao was already famous as a doctor. He started life humbly and from a small beginning, he had been able to establish a very big reputation for himself and his family. Young medical men always looked up to him for help and advice which were always given without stint. To me personally he had been of very great help both professionally and otherwise. As the Hon. the Leader of the House said, nobody could wish for a better form of death than passing away without any pain and very quietly. He had the great privilege and satisfaction of living long to realise the highest ambition of seeing one of his sons as a Minister of this Government and another son enjoying very great reputation as one of the finest surgeons not only in India but outside. With these words, I associate the Chair with the Resolution before the House.

" The Resolution is—

' That this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Dr. U. Rama Rao, a former distinguished President of this Council, and a Member of the Legislature for many years and conveys its sense of sympathy to the members of the bereaved family '."

The Resolution was carried *nem. con.* all the Members standing.

II.—CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Order Paper mentions the Motion that I have given notice of as the next item to be taken up. It would be more convenient to all concerned if the discussion on the Governor's Address is continued uninterrupted? I suggest we might perhaps close it before lunch time and then my Motion may be taken up."

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SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" Apart from the suggestion of the Hon. the Leader of the House, under Rule 6 of the Council Rules, the discussion on the Governor's Address ' shall last till such time as the Chairman may consider necessary and shall have precedence over other business of the House except business of a formal or ceremonial nature '. So, Sir, the Chairman's hands are fettered and he has no discretion to deviate from the Rules governing the conduct of business in the House. On a point of order, therefore, I say that the discussion on the Address may be continued before the other Motion is taken up."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am quite willing that it may be taken that the change in the order of business is made at the instance of the last speaker himself and not at my instance. (Laughter.)

* SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" I want to raise a point of procedure. You are aware, Sir, of Rule 22 (3) which says that the order of business, as arranged in the list, shall not be revised except on a Motion accepted by the House. We have already had the agenda and all that I say is that a formal Motion be moved. We have agreed to a change in the order of business. When we do so, let us do it in the proper way prescribed by the Rules. I would request the Hon. the Leader of the House to make a formal Motion which will be formally accepted by the House."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry, Sir, we are needlessly prolonging the discussion. I made the suggestion to the Chairman and it was about to be accepted when an hon. Member on the other side raised a point of order and I yielded to him. I said, let it be discussed in the order mentioned originally and so no question arises of a motion now."

III.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that under rule 15 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following four Members of the Council to be the panel of Chairmen for the first session of the Legislative Council under the new Constitution :—

1 Sri K. Bhashyam.

2 Srimathi S. Manjubhashini.

3 Srimathi J. Sita Mahalaxmi.

4 Dr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty."

IV.—DISCUSSION ON HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The House will now continue the discussion of the Governor's Address."

* SRIMATHI J. SITA MAHALAXMI :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers who supported the motion of Thanks to His